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THE Farmington Asylum people will ask but a pitiful quarter of a million appropriation from the Legislature which meets this month.

"MISS DARWIN," a monkey, is said to be an expert ping-pong player, defeating all human performers placed against her. 'Tis thus excellence is attained when opportunity and capacity conjoin.

THE St. Louis World, not without shrewd reasoning, says: "We have rather strong suspicion that the Senatorial choice of both the Republic and the Post-Dispatch does business at the World's Fair grounds."

THE Current Local, Van Buren, Mo., changed hands last week, becoming the property of A. S. J. Lehr and J. M. Canabhan, who, we are sure, will keep the paper to its standard as an excellent local journal. The Register wishes them success.

THE scientists are now talking about the newly discovered "germ of laziness." 'Tis singular how, in some instances, the effect is so glaringly apparent while yet the cause lies hidden in our ignorance. Just how the "germ of laziness" can have the energy to attack anything, the aforesaid scientists do not stop to explain, and we must take their statement on credit.

THE Texas oil fields are now under the control of the Rockefellers. The Standard Oil Company knows no north, no south, nor east nor west, but the earth is its domain. And mankind pays a tribute as grievous as any ever assessed by ancient conqueror: pays it hopelessly and almost without protest. So much for the satisfying progress of modern civilization—which its other name is "commercialism," and under that name robbery and oppression of all sorts and degrees are admissible and honorable.

THIS is the way it looks through the Globe-Democrat's spectacles: "The Ironton (Mo.) REGISTER (Dem.) announces that the St. Louis Republic and the Post-Dispatch are opposed to Gov. Stone for the United States Senate. Will those papers give the public some idea whom they favor?" The Post-Dispatch opposes Stone, and piles up the reasons by printing his record as a lobbyist. As for the Republic, it is afraid to say a word about Stone's candidacy. It is understood to be secretly against him, but wants to join in the hurrah if he wins."

ALL this talk about any other man than W. J. Stone to succeed Senator Vest—including the present incumbent—is the veriest bosh. Gov. Stone made the race before the people, and, almost without dissent, they nominated him, and to defeat him before the Legislature would be to set at defiance the will of the Democrats of the State. The G.-D. opposes him because he is a Democrat; the Republic accepts the situation because it can't help itself, and the P.-D. is forermost him because it is sensational. The whole caboodle is going to be left, and no Democrat will go into a premature decline because of it.

IN one of his sermons recently delivered on the subject of gambling, the Rev. Herbert S. Bigelow, of Cincinnati, defined the true objection to gambling. The usual objection is that gambling is wrong because its results are determined by chance. As Mr. Bigelow truly says this is no objection at all. Chance enters into most of the transactions of life. Moreover, whether a man shall take chances or not is a question for his own decision. What is there about gambling that subjects it properly to condemnation by society? Mr. Bigelow answers that it is the fact that success on one side in gambling depends upon failure on the other side. It is this that makes gambling unsocial and therefore wrong—getting without giving, reaping without sowing, acquiring without earning. But what would become of many shining lights in our better element if getting without giving were condemned?—The Public.

A Barbarous Anachronism.

THE anthracite coal strike investigation discloses a state of affairs that is terribly shocking, and a sad commentary on the results of modern industrialism. The commissioners, it is said, stand aghast at the revelations made. They are horrified at the inhumanities practiced by certain mine owners; at the wicked exploitation of child labor; at the inconceivable greed of employers, and at the moral degradation of parents who have lost all feelings of love for their offspring in a constant, grinding, debasing struggle for existence. The reading of these disclosures is saddening in the extreme. It tends to deprive one of all enthusiasm over the effects of the introduction of steam and electricity. There is nothing exhilarating in reading, for instance, that a girl of thirteen

years has to work at night, for twelve hours, in a standing position, for the mere pittance of sixty-five cents; that another girl, of the same age, receives three cents an hour for eleven hours' work in a silk factory; that boys eight years old have to help support the family; that men maimed in the coal mines are evicted from the miserable hovels owned by the coal operators and rented out to misers at outrageous prices; that the widows and children of men killed in the shafts have to work for years for the mine owners to pay off rent left unpaid by husband and father. And most of these owners of mines and mills are, undoubtedly, devout churchmen and able to talk unctuously about the beauties of charity and love for our fellow-beings. What a pack of hypocrites and knaves these fellows are! They degrade themselves as well as their employees. They besmirch modern civilization and ideals. Their throat is an open sepulchre and their heart full of filth. How can any one, after all these shocking revelations, have any sympathy left for the coal barons, or any faith in their avowals of good will? They are deliberately violating the rules of organized society, of innate morality and of fundamental Christianity. The Legislature of Pennsylvania has passed laws prohibiting the worst abuses of child labor, but the coal operators don't care a continental for the will of the people. They are serenely confident that they have sufficient political "pull" to stifle investigations by the State authorities, and so continue to damn themselves, their miners and the public in general. Let us hope that the present investigation, under Federal auspices, will lead to the enactment of more stringent laws and a recognition on the part of the State authorities that the time has arrived when such a shameful exploitation of child labor, and such an inhuman treatment of workmen and their families must be regarded as an intolerable and barbarous anachronism.—St. Louis Mirror.

Watch St. Louis.

THE greatest World's Fair the world has ever seen will be held at St. Louis in 1904. To keep in touch with the work of preparation for this great World's Fair and to get all the news of all the earth, every reading person should at once subscribe for the great newspaper of St. Louis, the Globe-Democrat. It stands pre-eminent and alone among American newspapers, and acknowledges no equal or rival. Its circulation extends to every State and territory of the Union, to Canada and Mexico, and to every part of the world where there are readers of the English language. It ought to be in your home during the coming year. See advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

REMARKABLE CURE OF CROUP.

A Little Boy's Life Saved.

I have a few words to say regarding Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It saved my little boy's life and I feel that I cannot praise it enough. I bought a bottle of it from A. E. Steere of Goodwin, S. D., and when I got home with it the poor baby could hardly breathe. I gave the medicine as directed every ten minutes until he "threw up" and then I thought sure he was going to choke to death. We had to pull the phlegm out of his mouth in great long strings. I am positive that if I had not got that bottle of cough medicine, my boy would not be on earth to-day.—Joel Demont, Inwood, Iowa. For sale by Arcadia Valley Drug Co.

St. Louis Letter.

EDITED BY THE I. C. CLUB.

The Iron County Club will hold its annual election of officers the night of the 1st. Owing to pressing business engagements two of our members, B. W. Frauenthal and Wm. H. Thompson, have declined to serve as directors for the ensuing year.

Herman Davis and family arrived in St. Louis Friday evening and departed for Galveston, Texas, the next night. Herman had not been in St. Louis for fifteen years, and seeing the new buildings at Bismarck, concluded that this must be the World's Fair city, and forgetting his family went off on a personal tour of inspection. Owing to the courtesy of Conductor Ryan a telegram to the Bismarck officials brought Herman back in safety to the bosom of his family.

The B'nai-El Sabbath School held their annual Chanukah Festival Dec. 28th, at the Concordia Hall. The little folks gave a very pleasing entertainment, which was followed by a supper.

Jacob Grandhomme was a guest of the Club Sunday evening. Come again Jake.

Beware of the "Imp-Peril." A young man who bought tickets a few weeks ago, and entered protest when they were re-sold, was fined twenty and costs by Judge Sidner. The Judge's views evidently do not coincide with the immortal bard's that "the quantity of mercy is not strained."

We thank the Ironton correspondent for news, and hope to hear from him again.

The president of the Iron County Club has been made an honorary member of the Press Association of this city.

Jake Lopez spent the holidays in the city and attended the opera "Florodora" at the Olympia.

Editor Spitz gives quite a flattering review of E. D. Ake's new book "Ounces," in this week's Jewish Voice.

And once again we "swear off."

In the language of the immortal "Rip": "Well, we won't count this one."

[Special to the I. C. C.]

A new singing syndicate has been

established among the Germans in Pilot Knob. It all happened on Christmas day. The officers elected are: Petera Gorettemier, pres.; Wm. Steffens, director and instructor; F. Ebrecht, manager; H. Adolph, sec'y; Val Effinger, treas. Nothing but German will be sung. They usually start with "So leben wir alle Tage" and "In Lauterbach habe ich mein stumpe verloren." Mr. Steffens' solo "Die Capelle," was beautifully rendered. John Nagel sang "Hoch der Kaiser." The next meeting will be held at Val Effinger's home on Christmas day, 1903.

President John W. Jaquith and Phil Walters, secretary of the Iron County Club, were installed in the Budweiser Band as honorary members last week.

A few members of the Iron County Club, St. Louis, came down to Pilot Knob Xmas eve. Officer Kath was detailed to escort them home. One member gave his basket of Xmas gifts to the officer who, being very conscientious and thinking he was on duty, went to sleep and the basket was stolen.

The Best Prescription for Malaria

Chills and Fever is a bottle of Grove's Tasteless Chili Tonic. It is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, no pay. Price, 50c.

E. H. Grove

This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day

Goodland Items.

The beautiful Christmas has come and gone, with its "peace on earth, good will to men," its resolutions, many of which, alas! are already broken, its family reunions, its stores of happiness for our little ones, and all the pleasant bustle and excitement which makes Christmas a holiday instead of a holy day, as it should be.

Mr. Craven, the drummer, spent Christmas with F. M. Adams.

W. G. Adams, of Belgrade, lately from Manila, P. I., and Miss Henderson visited relatives at Foote, Goodland and Burgundy last week.

Dr. Adams, of Bellevue, spent the holidays with his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Crocker, of Goodwater, were guests of Aunt Josephine Adams.

Vird Goggin, Don and Blanche Eaton spent Christmas at Belgrade.

We learn that J. P. Brooks is on his way home from Montana, where he has spent more than a year.

Mrs. Margaret Adams is suffering from spinal troubles.

James Stricklin and family, of Burgundy, spent last Sunday with S. L. Brooks.

Mr. Editor, I would I were an orator, or a speech-maker, or a writer, so that I could rightly express the pleasure which the perusal of your little book afforded me. It is a good story, charmingly written. Accept my thanks for the copy sent me.

PAULINE.

Mann Items.

Christmas is numbered with the past. Everything passed off very quietly in this section. There was more powder burned than usual. Had it not been for so many large shots being fired, Christmas would have been as quiet as any other day.

The Christmas tree and "pie supper" at Cedar Grove was a success, and all present seemed to enjoy themselves. The presents were pleasing to the children.

G. W. Carty and wife and Frank Robinette and family, of Black, visited relatives here the past week.

Jim Thompson, of Caledonia, visited relatives here Christmas.

Fred St. Clair has gone to Piedmont on a visit to his brother.

Miss Lillie Neely visited relatives near Sunlight the past week.

Thos. Lucas and sister spent the holidays with relatives here.

Tom Black, an Iron county boy, but now a citizen of Illinois, was married Dec. 24th to Miss Patrick. May they live a long and happy life.

The schools in this part of the county were dismissed last Wednesday until Monday.

Roy Williams spent the holidays with his best girl near Edgehill.

Our roads are very rough since the last freeze.

The hub mill shut down three days for the boys to take Christmas. They will begin work to-day.

MANN.

December 27, 1902.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

TO FARMERS
HIGHEST MARKET PRICES PAID FOR
Cattle, Hogs, Sheep!
NAGEL'S MEAT MARKET
IRONTON, MO.

NOTICE OF LETTERS.

Notice is hereby given, that Letters Testamentary upon the estate of John Selinger, late of Iron County, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, Augusta Selinger, by the Probate Court of the County of Iron, bearing date the 29th day of December, 1902.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within one year after date of said Letters, or they may be precluded from any benefits of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the time of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

AUGUSTA SELINGER,

Ironton, Mo., Dec. 29, 1902.

STRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by John Huff, and posted before James O. Scott, a Justice of the Peace in Dent Township, Iron County, on the 27th day of December, in the year 1902, the following described property:

One two-year-old heifer, deep red, with white heart in forehead and white on the belly, and white on the flank; marked with under-slope in the left ear, and under half crop in the right ear.

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We wish our Friends and Patrons a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and thank them for the liberal patronage bestowed us in the last year. We trust by keeping to the front in quality and low prices to continue receiving their favors.

Very Respectfully,

T. S. LOPEZ & SONS.

Now preparing for our Grand Clearance Sale.